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Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Re: U.S. Patent Application
Application No. 10/026,914; Filed: December 27, 2001
For: Allergy Vaccines Containing Hybrid Polypeptides
Inventors: Linhart, et al.
Our Ref: 0273-0006

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Sir/Madam

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement; and
2. (1) Return postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0622.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2003, requesting an election of claims in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the claims of **Group I (Claims 1-6, 13-15, 20-21)**, without traverse.

This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to the non-elected groups. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such

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extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0622.

Respectfully submitted,

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